Department adopts.

- (b) When the Department enters into an agreement for construction of a project, the Department shall assign to the project a priority list number.
- (c) The Department shall proceed with construction of projects in accordance with the priority schedule. However, if at any time the cost of a project at the top of the priority list exceeds the unobligated balance of the account, the Department may proceed with construction of a lower priority project.
- (d) On satisfactory completion of construction, any property owner's cash contribution shall be endorsed to the credit of the contractor. The account shall pay the balance of the payment due the contractor. Within 30 days after the payment, the Department shall certify to the Board of Public Works payment of the construction costs and transmit a copy of the agreement specifying how the State will be reimbursed for the net project construction cost.]

[7-514.5.

Engineering, technical, and administrative services required to implement this subtitle, including review and evaluation or requests for assistance, design or orphaned land reclamation projects, supervision over construction of approved projects, and inspection of completed projects to insure adequate maintenance, shall be funded as provided in the State budget. Costs of services enumerated in this section are not project costs and shall be borne solely by the State.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 7-501(z) and (aa), respectively, of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-501(y) and (z), respectively.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

May 31, 1983

The Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg President of the Senate State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President: